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(MCCONE)

WASHINGTON--SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., SAID TODAY THE SENATE SHOULD GIVE CLOSER THAN USUAL SCRUTINY TO JOHN A. MCCONE'S NOMINATION FOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR BECAUSE THE HUSH-HUSH CIA HAS SWEEPING POWERS WITH LITTLE CONGRESSIONAL SUPERVISION.

MCCARTHY PROMPTLY RAN INTO CRITICISM FROM SEN. HENRY M. JACKSON, D-WASH., AND STUART SYNINGTON, D-MO., FOR DISCUSSING INCIDENTS IN CIA OPERATIONS AND SAYING THE AGENCY "TAKEN CREDIT FOR" AIDING IN SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTIONS IN IRAN AND GUATEMALA. BUT THE MINNESOTA DEMOCRAT DENIED JACKSON'S CHARGE THAT HE WAS "EXPOSING ANYTHING" BY DISCUSSING SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC.

THE SUPER-SECRET INTELLIGENCE AGENCY--RATHER THAN MCCONE HIMSELF RECEIVED THE GREATER PART OF MCCARTHY'S ATTENTION IN THE FIRST PART OF HIS SPEECH.

EARLIER, THE SENATE QUICKLY CONFIRMED 21 OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S OTHER NOMINATIONS, INCLUDING SEVERAL TOP FIGURES IN THE RECENT STATE DEPARTMENT SHAKUP.

ON MOTION OF DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD, THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO POSTPONE A VOTE ON MCCONE UNTIL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

MCCARTHY SAID HE WOULD HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN MCCONE IF THERE WERE MORE EVIDENCE THAT THE NOMINEE KNEW MORE ABOUT FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAD TAKEN POSITIONS ON COMPLICATED FOREIGN QUESTIONS WHICH THE SENATE COULD SCRUTINIZE.

MCCONE, A WEALTHY CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN WITH OIL AND SHIPPING INTERESTS, FORMERLY SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE AND AS UNDERSECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE. HIS NOMINATION FOR THE CIA POST WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

WHEN SYNINGTON REMINDED MCCARTHY THAT THE SENATE TWICE BEFORE HAD EXAMINED MCCONE'S RECORD AND FINANCIAL HOLDINGS BEFORE CONFIRMING HIM UNANIMOUSLY FOR OTHER JOBS, MCCARTHY SAID "WE NEED TO GIVE MORE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION" BECAUSE OF CIA'S NATURE.

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